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Subject Re: OAZ MAY 17 MEETING

Gary, when I said that I wouldn't make a move until the AOC was signed, perhaps I should've said "until EPA signs the AOC."

Even if you felt I meant that only Blue Tee's signature was needed for me to attend the meeting, I wouldn't have been able to make travel arrangements for a meeting in STL for the morning of May 17, being that Blue Tee didn't sign until the day before (Monday, May 16) and didn't send the fax to Tom Turner until 5:52 p.m. on Monday (shown as "17:52" on the fax). Furthermore, I received no communication on May 16 to indicate that Blue Tee signed the AOC.

As is true in your case, I can't hold dates open indefinitely. Not knowing when the AOC was going to be signed (even if only by Blue Tee), I had to move on with life (i.e., I made other work arrangements for May 17).

In summary, I feel that it was quite unrealistic and presumptuous for you to expect me at the meeting.

I'm sure we'll work more efficiently together in the future, and I look forward to doing so.

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To

Subject Re: OAZ MAY 17 MEETING

Ron, I believe that the date, time and location for the meeting had been locked in based on our email correspondence, subject only to Blue Tee signing the AOC. Because of the requirement to have the AOC signed, I worked through Blue Tee's Legal counsel, Ms Terrance Faye to see that the AOC was signed and/or other arrangements were made to facilitate the meeting. Ms Faye discussed this matter with Tom Turner and others and assured me the the meeting was on as scheduled. I and the three representatives from our RI/FS contractor, Entact, were surprised when we arrived at CH2M-Hill's offices, the location that you has selected for the meeting, and you were not there. We waited and tried to contact someone who knew where you were and from all indications you were on travel and in route to St. Louis for the meeting. After sometime of waiting, we used the scheduled time to provide CH2M-Hill with some background on the Site, to discuss an overview of the planned approach for the RI/FS, and to present questions that we had on the SOW. Based on our 4-hour meeting I believe that CH2M-Hill has a good understanding of these points and should be able to debrief you on the areas that we need your input before we proceed with the preparation of the support sampling plan.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss our approach for the support sampling plan so that we could get off to a good start on the work. I am sorry for the mis-understanding and wish that you could have attended the kick-off meeting. However, I think some productive work was accomplished and it was good to tour the Site with our contractor.

Gary Uphoff

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**Subject:** OAZ MAY 17 MEETING

Gary, I was very surprised to learn that you and others from your office travelled to the CH2M Hill office in St. Louis to give your RI/FS work plan presentation to CH2M Hill for the Old American Zinc Plant Superfund Site.

In my earlier e-mail communications with you, I said that I wouldn't prepare travel orders or attend the meeting unless the AOC was signed.

From a fax I received this morning, I noticed that Blue Tee signed the AOC on May 16. However, GSA and U.S. EPA haven't signed it yet. Furthermore, I never locked in a date for the meeting with you and CH2M Hill; we only went as far as talking about possible dates and times.

Please respond to this e-mail or call me at 312-886-2940 to explain why you felt it was OK to show up in St. Louis yesterday for the meeting.

Thanks.